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SUMMARY: AN EDITORIAL IN THE 19 JUNE ISSUE OF PRAVDA CHARACTERIZES
CURRENT U.S. WEAPONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS AS "PREPARING
THE SOIL FOR A NEW, DANGEROUS SPIRAL IN THE ARMS RACE,"
AND SUBMITS THAT THESE EFFORTS ARE "SUNCHRONIZED" WITH
THE CHARTER ADMINISTRATION'S DECLARATIONS ON HUMAN RIGHTS. END
SUMMARY.

1. IN THE WEEKLY "INTERNATIONAL WEEK REVIEW" COLUMN,
Y.

SGRIGORJYEV ATTEMPTS TO PRESENT RECENT U.S. PRESS
ANNOUNCEMENTS ON THE STATUS OF THE B-1 BOMBER PROGRAM,
MARK-12A WARHEADS, NEUTRON BOMBS, NEW WARHEADS FOR
ARTILLERY, AIRCRAFT AND MISSILE SYSTEMS FOR THE TRI-
DENT SUBMARINE, AS WELL AS "MANY OTHER FACTS" (NOT
FURTHER DEFINED) AS EVIDENCE OF U.S. INTENTIONS TO
BEGIN A NEW SPIRAL IN THE ARMS RACE.

2. FURTHERMORE, GRIGOR'YEV CONTENTS THAT ALL OF THIS
IS "SYNCHRONIZED WITH THE CONTINUING PROPAGANDA
EXERCISES IN WASHINGTON CONCERNING THE 'RIGHTS OF MAN.'"
REFERRING TO PRESIDENT CARTER'S "WELL-KNOWN SPEECH"
AND SUBSEQUENT "OFFICIAL AND SEMI-OFFICIAL" DECLARA-
TIONS, GRIGOR'YEV SUBMITS THAT SEVERAL AMERICAN NEWS-
PAPERS HAVE OBSERVED THAT THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION IS
READY TO "GO FURTHER IN THE EXACERBATION OF RELATIONS"
WITH THE USSR, "TO PLACE PRESSURE ON THE KREMLIN,"
AND "TO EXPOSE THE EAST TO CRITICISM."

3. GRIGOR'YEV DECLARES THAT IT IS EVIDENT THAT THE
"HUMAN RIGHTS CAMPAIGN" IS DESIGNED TO "COMPLETELY
CONCEAL OTHER ATTEMPTS THAN THE DEFENSE OF THOSE
RIGHTS." IN SUPPORT OF THIS CONTENTION, GRIGOR'YEV
CITES GEN. HAIG'S REMARKS TO THE NYT TO THE EFFECT
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THAT EVENTS IN WASHINGTON "HAVE CONVINCED THE OTHER
NATO MEMBERS OF THE NECESSITY TO PERFECT THE WEST'S
MILITARY DEFENSE."

4. COMMENT: GRIGOR'YEV'S ATTEMPT TO LINK U.S. WEAPONS PRO-
CUREMENT PROGRAMS TO THE PRESIDENT'S HUMAN RIGHTS
DECLARATION ADDS A NEW TWIST TO THE SOVIET ACCUSATIONS
THAT THE U.S. IS ENGAGED IN INITIATING A NEW ROUND IN
THE ARMS RACE. IT ALSO REPRESENTS ANOTHER ESCALATION
IN THE LEVEL OF ATTACKS ON THE PRESIDENT AND HIS
FOREIGN AND DEFENSE POLICIES. UNTIL LESS THAN A MONTH
AGO PERSONAL ATTACKS ON THE PRESIDENT WERE GREATLY
CIRCUMSCRIBED IN TONE AND CONFINED TO CRITICISMS ON
SPECIFIC ISSUES. LATELY, HOWEVER, SOVIET COMMENTATORS
HAVE BEEN FREER AND MORE GENERAL IN THEIR ATTACKS
(REFTEL). GRIGOR'YEV'S ATTACK IS THE FIRST
TIME THE SOVIETS HAVE SPECIFICALLY ACCUSED THE PRES-
IDENT OF SYNCHRONIZATION OF HIS HUMAN RIGHTS POLICIES
WITH HIS DEFENSE POLICIES, ALTHOUGH THEY HAVE IN THE
PAST ALLUDED TO THE FACT THAT "CERTAIN CIRCLES" IN THE
U.S. WHO WISHED TO SEE THE CONTINUATION OF THE ARMS
RACE WERE ALSO BACKING THE "NOISY CAMPAIGN" FOR HUMAN

RIGHTS. IN THIS SENSE GRIGOR'YEV IS CLOSING THE CIRCLE
BY IDENTIFYING THE NEW ADMINISTRATION AND THE PRESIDENT
PERSONALLY WITH THESE "FORCES." END COMMENT.

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